

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) A pull-out guide assembly for a drawer, comprising:

a support rail to be mounted on a carcass;

a pull-out rail to be mounted on the drawer; and

a running carriage mounted between said support rail and said pull-out rail and operable to move between a front end position and a rear end position in a differential manner, said running carriage including:

rollers for transmitting a load of the drawer between said support rail and said pull-out rail; and

a locking device operable to lock said running carriage to one of said support rail and said pull-out rail at a first predetermined point located between said front end position and said rear end position, and operable to unlock said running carriage from said one of said support rail and said pull-out rail at a second predetermined point located between said front end position and said rear end position due to relative movement between said support rail and said pull-out rail;

wherein said support rail, said pull-out rail, and said running carriage are arranged and interconnected such that, if said running carriage is locked to one of said support rail and said pull-out rail at said first predetermined point by said locking device while moving toward one of said front end position and said rear end position, said running carriage is operable to continue moving toward said one of said front end position and said rear end position in the differential manner after being unlocked by said locking device at said second predetermined point.

23. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said locking device comprises a first locking device, said running carriage including a second locking device, said first locking device and said second locking device being operable to lock said running carriage traveling in opposing directions.

24. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said locking device comprises a lever mounted rotatably on said running carriage.

25. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said lever comprises a double-arm lever.

26. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said lever is arranged to abut against a projection on each of said support rail and said pull-out rail.

27. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said locking device further comprises a spring for acting on said lever.

28. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said lever is laterally offset from said rollers in a direction in which said running carriage moves.

29. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said lever has angled ends.

30. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 24, wherein said lever is rotatable about a horizontal axis pin.

31. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said locking device comprises a resilient arm projecting horizontally from said running carriages in a direction of movement, said projecting arm being shaped and arranged to abut against a stop on one of said support rail and said pull-out rail during locking, and the other of said support rail and said pull-out rail having a counter-stop shaped and arranged to abut against said projecting arm during locking to prevent deflection or slippage of said projecting arm with respect to said stop.

32. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 31, wherein said projecting arm has a free end with a lug shaped to abut against said stop during locking.

33. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein one of said support rail and said pull-out rail has a stop and the other of said support rail and said pull-out rail has a deflection unit for receiving said locking device.

34. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 33, wherein said deflection unit comprises an opening in a horizontal web of said second one of said support rail and said pull-out rail.

35. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 34, wherein said stop comprises a first stop, the other of said support rail and said pull-out rail having a second stop, said second stop comprising an edge of said opening.

36. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 33, wherein said stop comprises a horizontal tab.

37. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said locking device comprises a rocker tiltably mounted on said running carriage, said rocker having two stop faces shaped to abut against a stop on each of said support rail and said pull-out rail.

38. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 37, wherein said tiltable rocker has an adjustable shape.

39. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 37, wherein said tiltable rocker comprises a first part and a second part connected to each other in an articulated manner, each of said first part and said second part having a stop face.

40. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 39, wherein said first part is tiltably mounted on said running carriage by an axis pin, and said second part is tiltably mounted on said first part by an axis pin.

41. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 37, wherein a first one of said stop faces is concave, and a second one of said stop faces is convex.

42. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, further comprising a central rail between said support rail and said pull-out rail, said running carriage comprising a first running carriage mounted between said support rail and said central rail, further comprising a second running carriage mounted between said central rail and said pull-out rail.

43. (New) The pull-out guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said locking device is operable to lock said running carriage to one of said support rail and said pull-out rail at said first predetermined point if a position of said running carriage with respect to said support rail and said pull-out rail is incorrect so as to thereby correct the position.

44. (New) A pull-out guide assembly for a drawer, comprising:

- a pair of support rails to be mounted on opposite sides of a carcass;

- a pair of pull-out rails to be mounted on opposite sides of the drawer; and

- running carriages mounted between said support rails and said pull-out rails and operable to move between a front end position and a rear end position in a differential manner, each of said running carriages including:

- rollers for transmitting a load of the drawer between said support rails and said pull-out rails; and

- a locking device operable to lock said running carriage to a respective one of said support rails or said pull-out rails at a first predetermined point located between said front end position and said rear end position, and operable to unlock said running carriage from said

respective one of said support rails and said pull-out rails at a second predetermined point located between said front end position and said rear end position due to relative movement between said support rails and said pull-out rails;

wherein said support rails, said pull-out rails, and said running carriages are arranged and interconnected such that, if one of said running carriages is locked to one of said support rails or said pull-out rails at said first predetermined point by said locking device while moving toward one of said front end position and said rear end position, said running carriage is operable to continue moving toward said one of said front end position and said rear end position in the differential manner after being unlocked by said locking device at said second predetermined point.